



Idaho State Board of Pharmacy

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Memorandum

To: Prescribing Practitioners, State Boards and State Associations
From: Idaho Board of Pharmacy
Re: Controlled Substance Prescription Requirements
Date: September 25, 2002

To comply with the requirements of S.B. 1417 the Board of Pharmacy has negotiated rules requiring disciplinary action to be taken against any practitioner who does not comply with Idaho Code Section 37-2725 on prescription blank requirements for controlled substances. The legislation mandates specific requirements for form and content of all prescriptions written for controlled substances.

Prescription blanks issued or approved prior to April 2002, the effective date of this legislation, shall remain valid and may be used by practitioners after the effective date of this act.

Prior to writing prescriptions to patients in a private practice or hospital settings, please ask your practitioners to review the following requirements to insure the validity of their patient's controlled substance prescriptions.

1. All controlled substances, including those provided by hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers or other health care facilities in which a practitioner attends a patient, must be on uncopyable paper, defined as containing security provisions against copying that result in a clear indication that the prescription has been copied and therefore rendering it null and void. (37-2725 (1))
2. Prescription blanks for controlled substances may contain the printed names of multiple practitioners, provided however, such blanks contain a means, in addition to the signature of the prescriber, such as a box or check, for clear identification of the practitioner issuing the prescription. (37-2725 (4))
3. At locations such as hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers or health care facilities where a practitioner attends a patient, other than their regular place of employment, a practitioner may utilize that facility's blank as long as they stamp, write or print their name in a manner that clearly identifies the practitioner. (37-2725 (3))
4. All Schedule II prescriptions must contain both the numerical and written quantity of medication. (37-22725(7))

In addition to the above requirements for controlled substance prescriptions, all such prescriptions must also contain the prescribing practitioner's DEA number. (Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1306.05 & Idaho Board of Pharmacy Rule 433.10)

A practitioner who issues a prescription for a controlled substance, which does not comply with all requirements of Section 37-2725, Idaho Code, shall be subject to discipline by the Board of Pharmacy as outlined by Board Rule 470.02.

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